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1. ON BASIS CONVERSATION APRIL 18 WITH WIJARSO BELIEVE SMALL MISUNDERSTANDING EXISTS BETWEEN PERTAMINA AND PL/PGE ON WHAT CONSTITUTES SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF CONTRACT. ACCORDING TO WIJARSO, PL/PGE MUST SPECIFICALLY "ASK" OR REQUEST THIS EXTENSION. PERTAMINA'S ORIGINAL TELEX DID NOT AUTOMATICALLY GRANT EXTENSION, IT MERELY SAID CONTRACT COULD BE RENEWED IF PL/PGE SO DESIRED. FURTHERMORE, WIJARSO SAID PL/PGE'S REPLY OF APRIL 14 (THEIR TELEX OF APRIL 8 NOT RECEIVED) DID NOT MAKE SUCH REQUEST. HENCE, BEFORE PERTAMINA WILL ENTERTAIN PL/PGE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION REQUEST TO FEBRUARY 6, 1978, TWO SIDES MUST NAIL DOWN SIX-MONTH ROLLOVER.

2. WIJARSO AGREED WITH OBSERVATION THAT THIS WAS FORM OF SEMANTICS BUT HE NEVERTHELESS FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT PL/PGE REALIZE THAT EXTENSIONS ARE (A) PREROGATIVE OF GOI TO GRANT AND (B) NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS "AUTOMATIC" BY BUYERS. PERTAMINA PLANS DISCUSS THIS
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WITH TODD; WIJARSO HAD NO OBJECTION WITH OUR PASSING MESSAGE TO PL. WE SUSPECT PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION INVOLVED WHICH TWO SIDES SHOULD BE ABLE WORK OUT.

3. WIJARSO AGREED MAY VISIT OF TODD AND O'ROURKE WOULD BE DESIRABLE.
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